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In response to the Official Action dated January 6, 2004, setting forth a three-month shortened statutory period for response to expire on April 6, 2004, and for which a Request for Extension of Time for three months is being filed concurrently herewith, setting the period for response to expire on July 6, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.